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I am Triceratops.

I am a dinosaur.

I am big and strong.

Triceratops
(try-SER-uh-tops)



I have three spiky horns
on my head.

I have a bony frill
on my neck.



I look fierce,
but I am gentle.



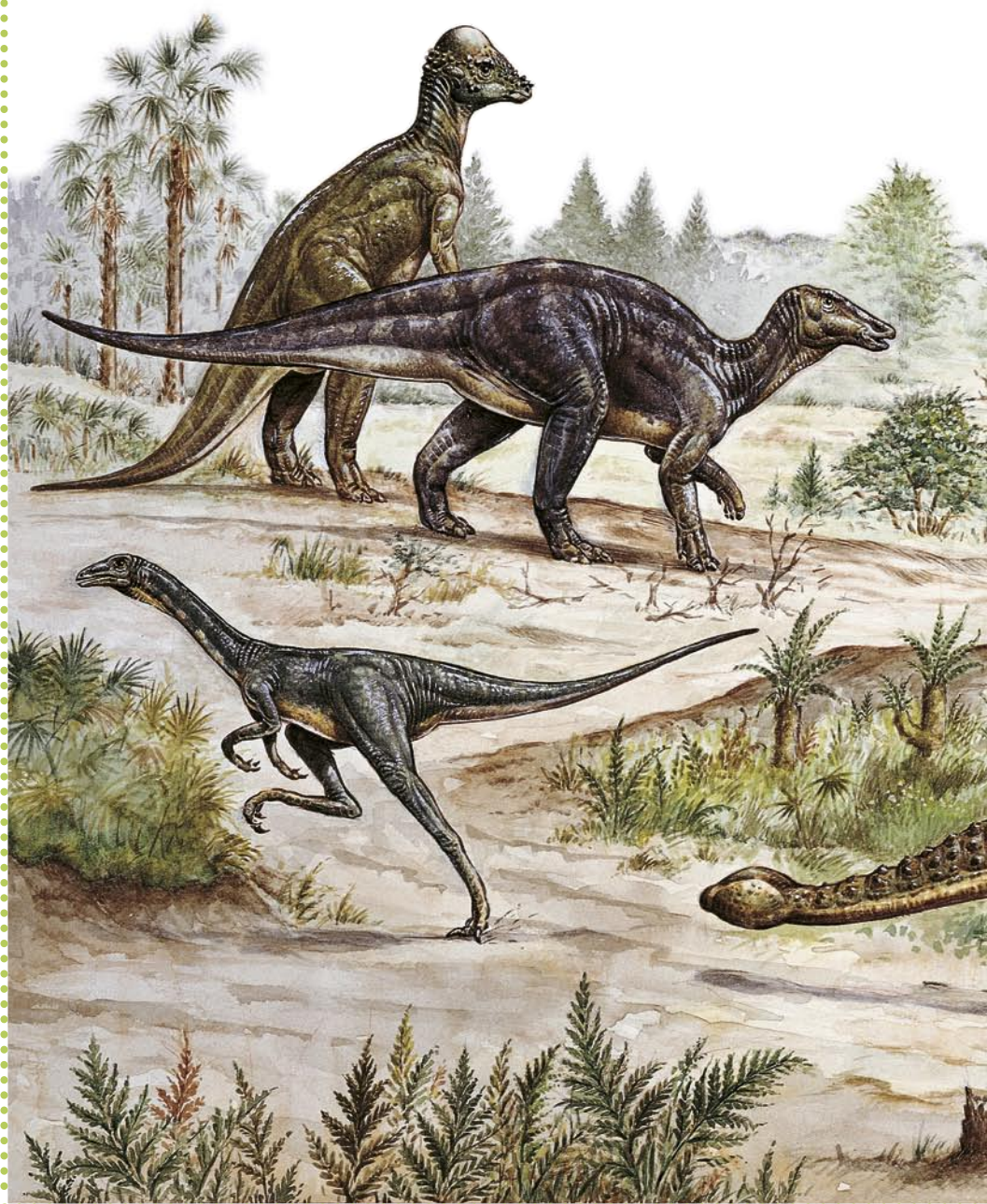
I spend all day eating plants.
I snip off twigs and leaves
with my hard beak.



I live in a group
called a herd.
We keep watch
for fierce dinosaurs.
They might want to eat us!

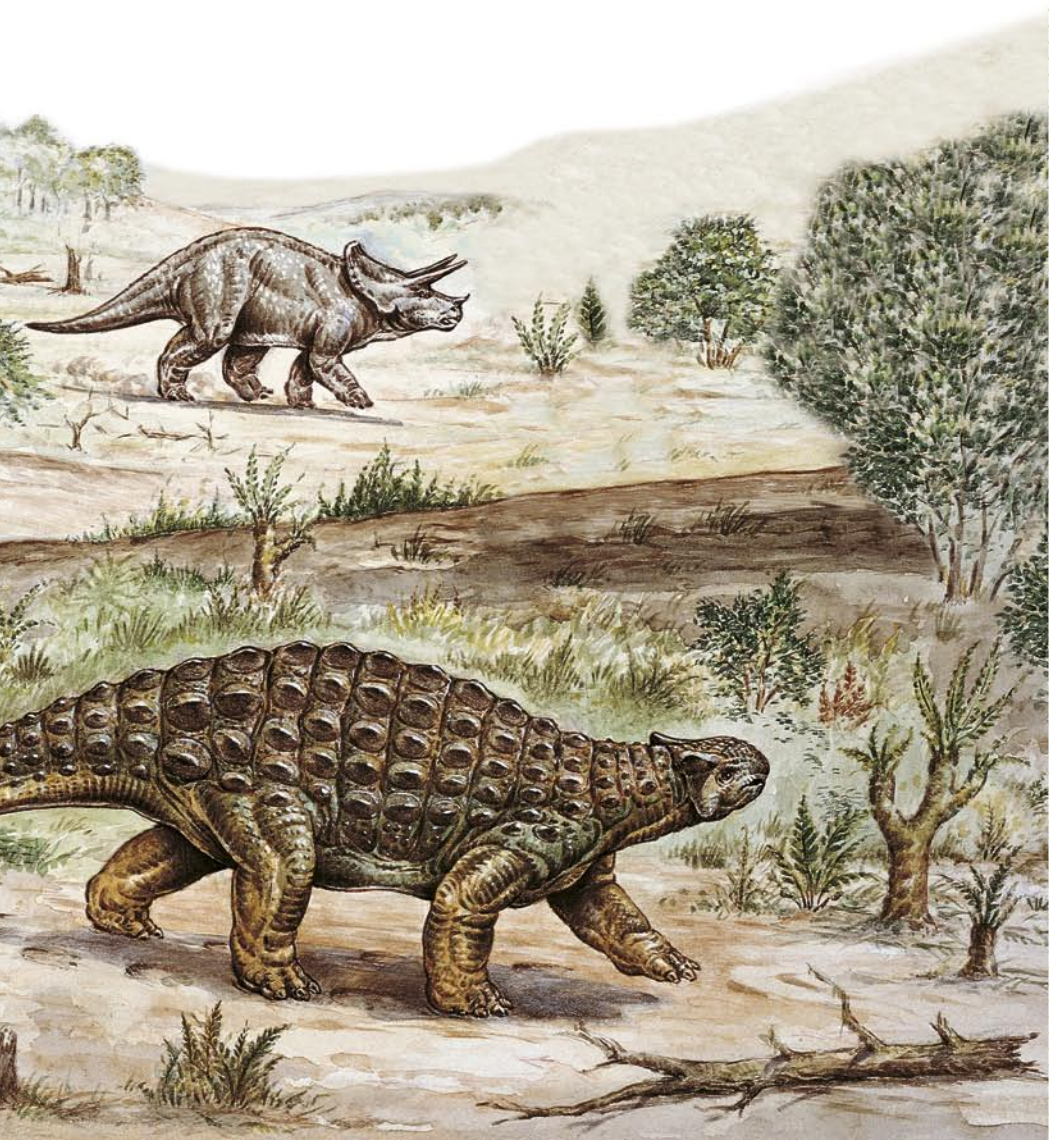


All sorts of other dinosaurs
live near the river with us.



Everything is peaceful.

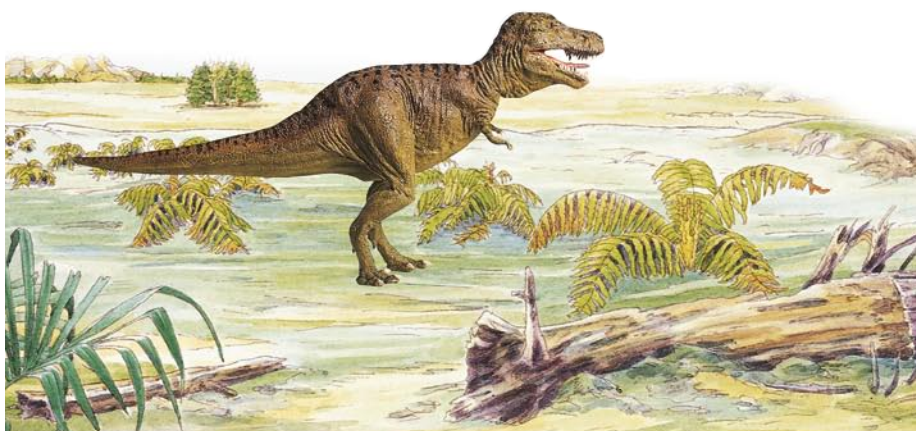
All of a sudden,
what do I see?



A Tyrannosaurus!

He is the fiercest dinosaur of all.

Tyrannosaurus
(tie-RAN-uh-SORE-us)



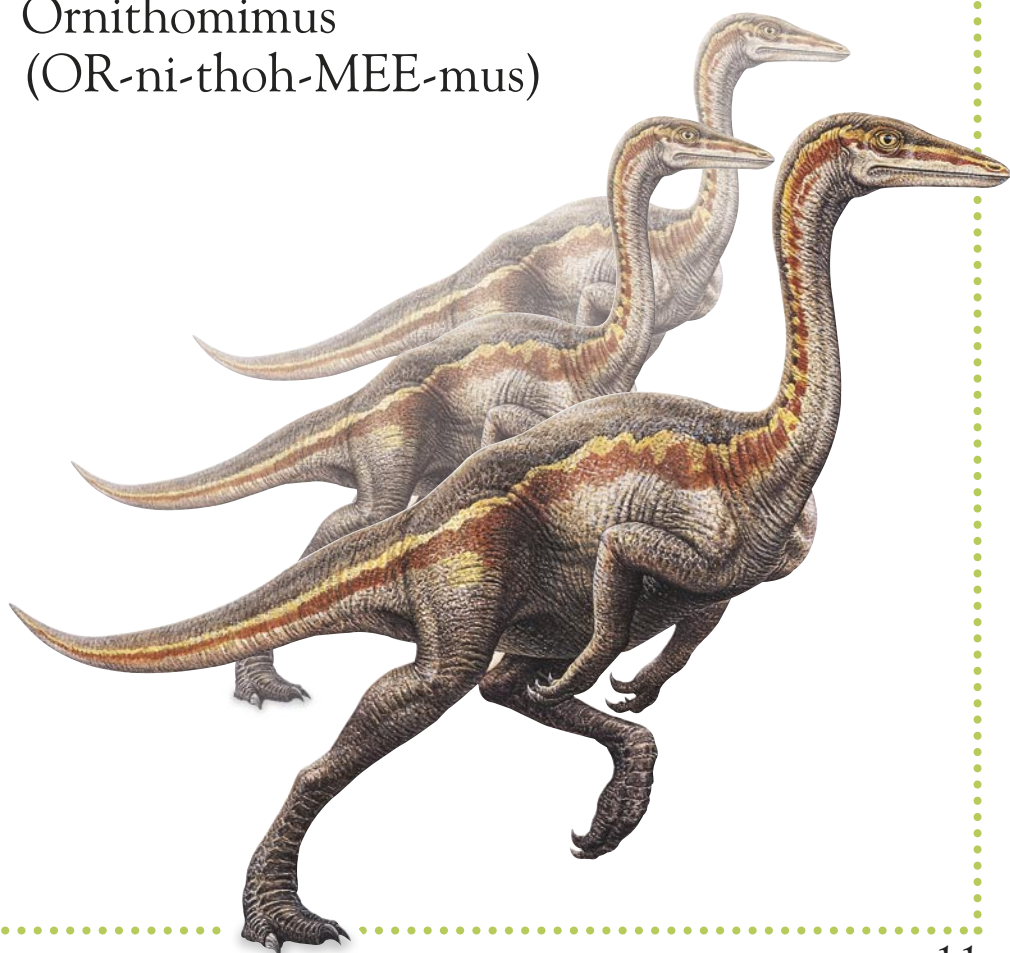
He has strong toes
and sharp claws.

He has a huge mouth
full of sharp teeth.



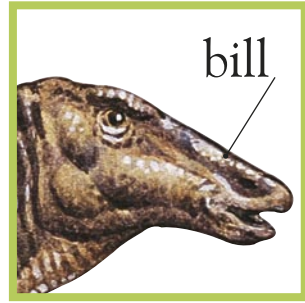
A herd of light-footed dinosaurs
spots Tyrannosaurus too.
They run away on their long legs
as fast as they can.
They hide in the forest.

Ornithomimus
(OR-ni-thoh-MEE-mus)

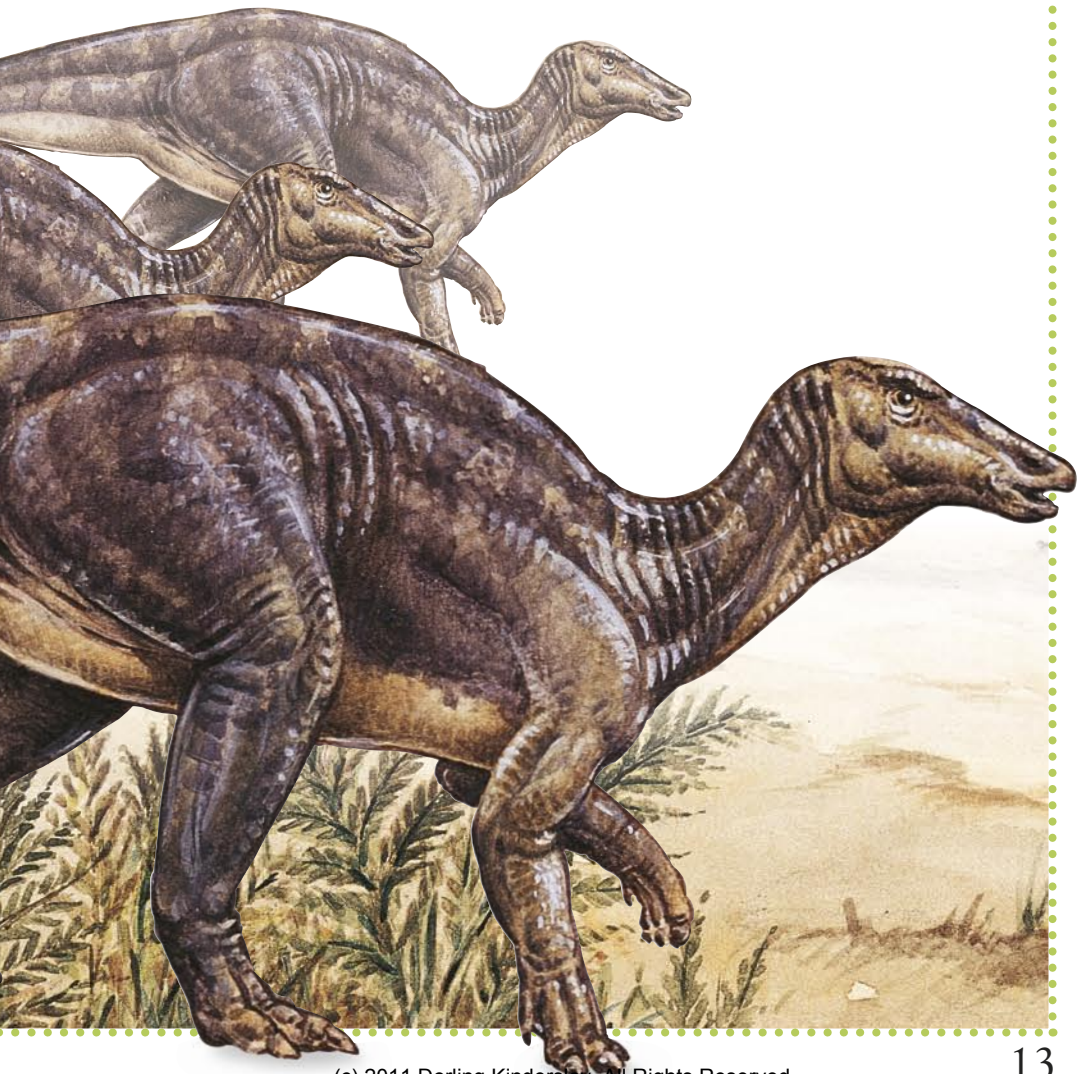


The duck-billed dinosaurs
stop eating.
They watch Tyrannosaurus.
If he comes too close,
they will run away.





Edmontosaurus
(ed-MON-tuh-SORE-us)



The bone-headed dinosaur
looks up and sniffs the air.
He can smell Tyrannosaurus.
If Tyrannosaurus
comes too close,
he will run away too.

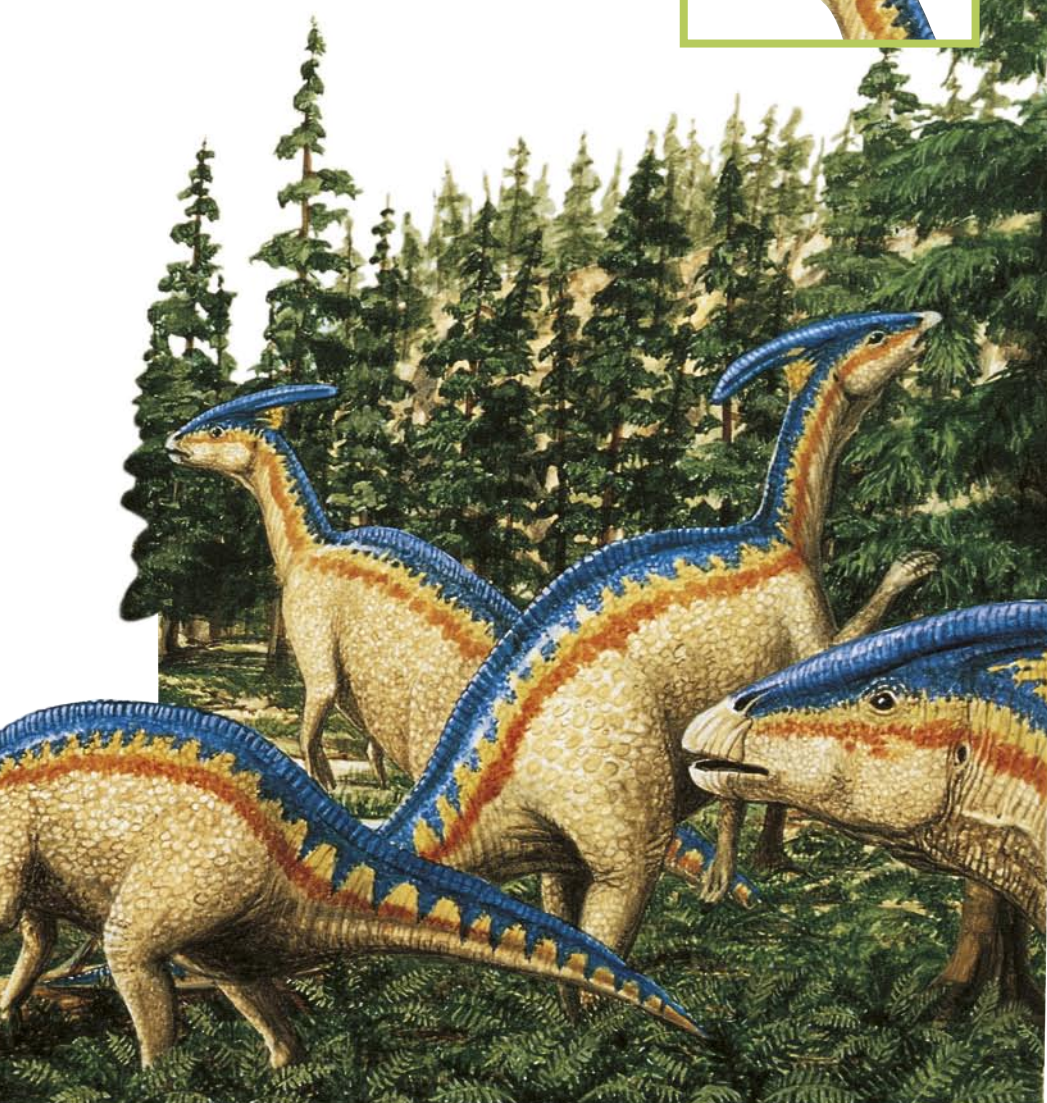
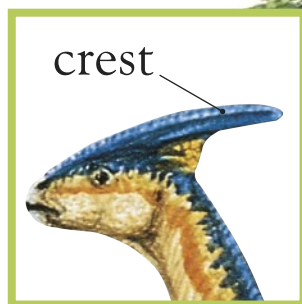


Pachycephalosaurus
(PAK-ee-SEF-uh-low-SORE-us)



The dinosaurs with head crests
hoot in alarm.

Parasaurolophus
(par-uh-sore-OLL-uh-fuss)



The armored dinosaur has a club
on the end of his tail.
He gets ready to swing it
at Tyrannosaurus.



club

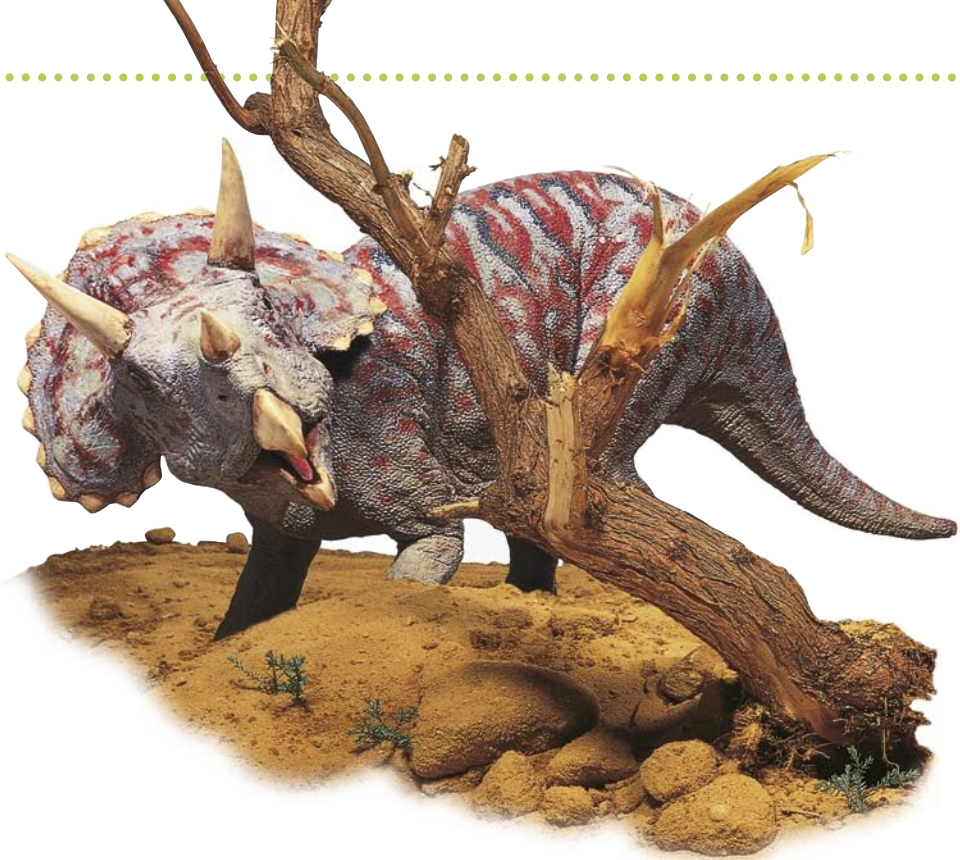


Ankylosaurus
(an-KIE-luh-SORE-us)



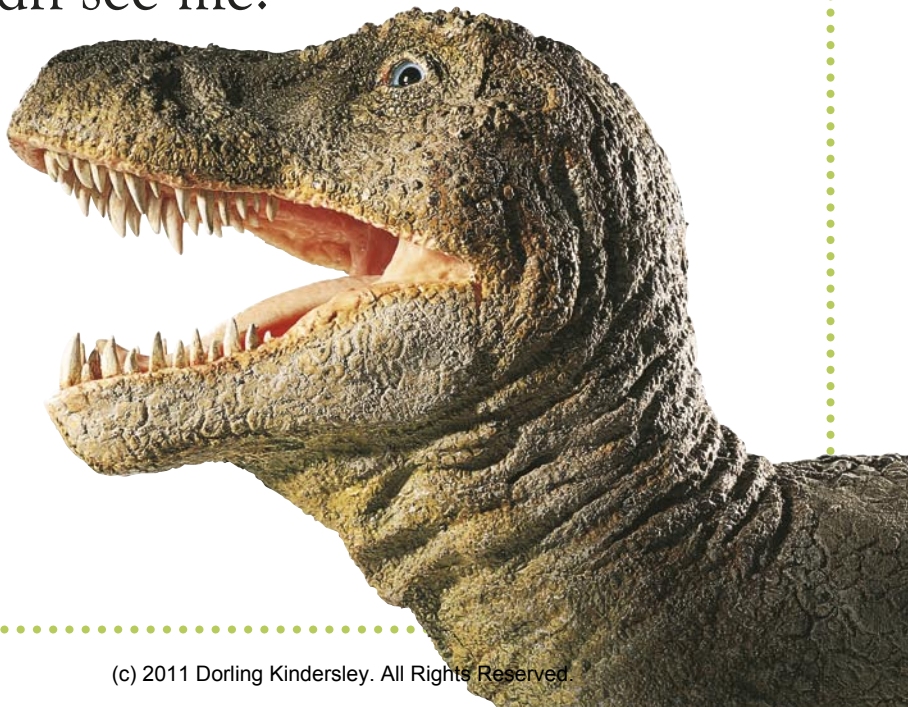
I am busy watching
all the other dinosaurs.
I forget to stay with my herd.



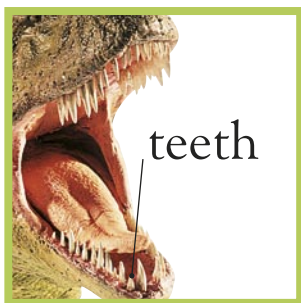


I can see Tyrannosaurus.

He can see me.



Tyrannosaurus runs towards me.
He looks hungry.
His eyes are glinting.



His mouth is open.
I can see his sharp teeth.

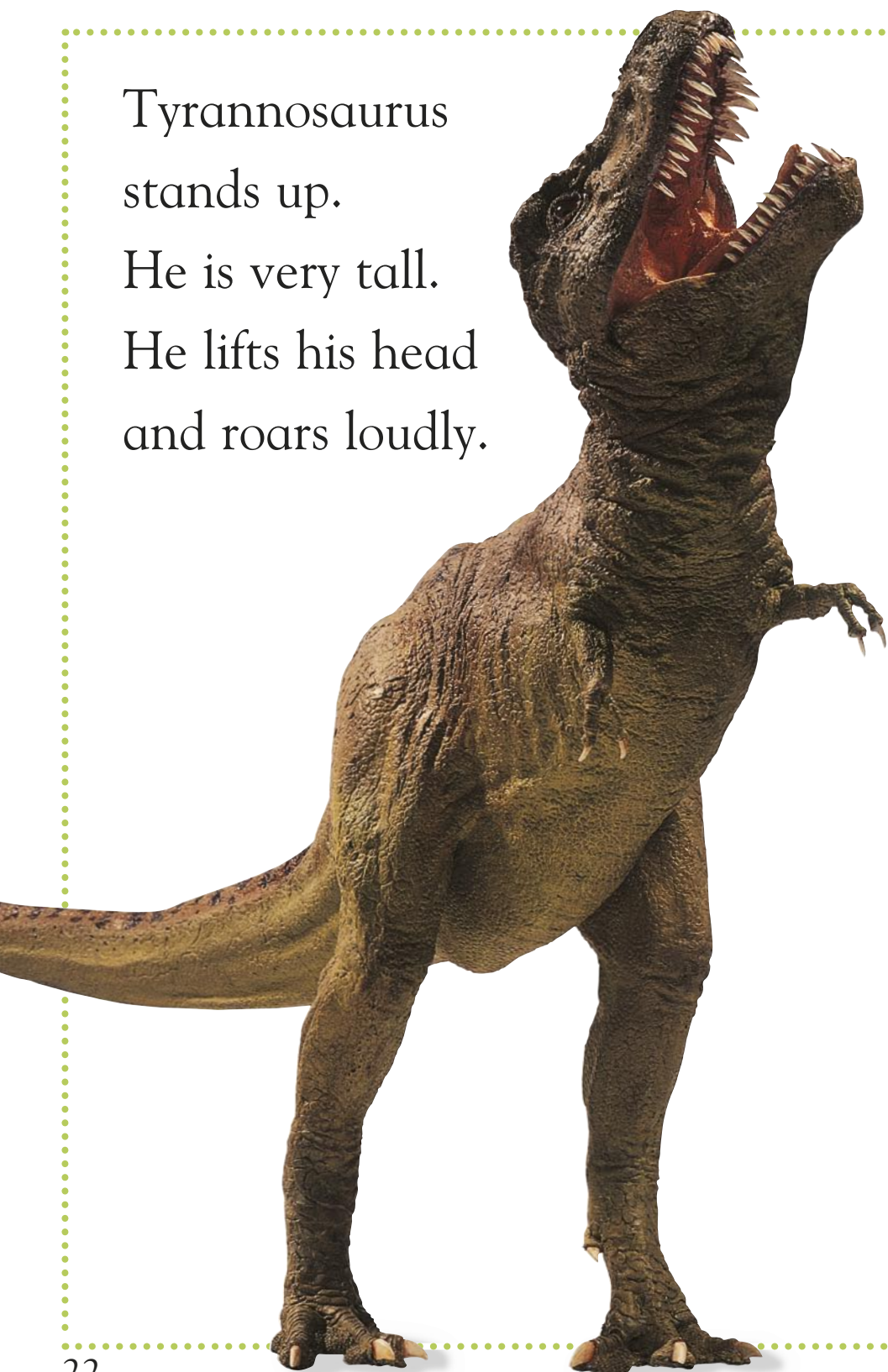
Thud!

Thud!

He comes nearer
and nearer.



Tyrannosaurus
stands up.
He is very tall.
He lifts his head
and roars loudly.

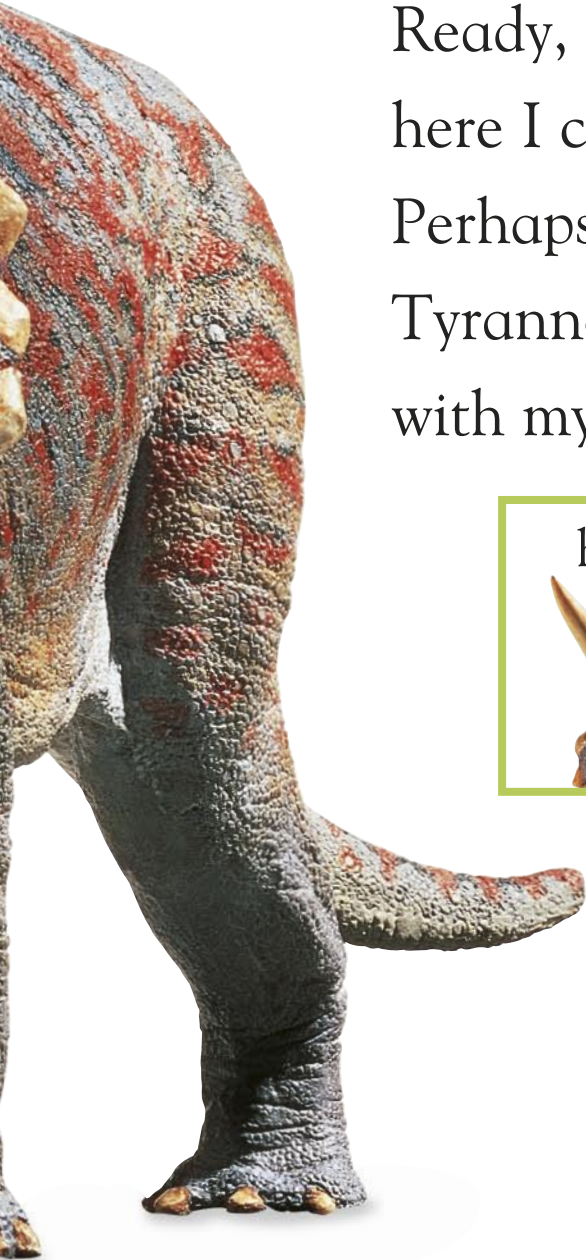
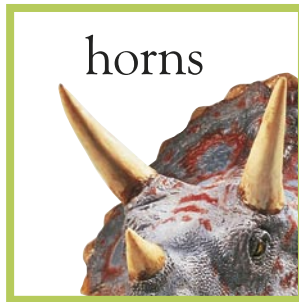


Tyrannosaurus is trying
to scare me,
but I am not scared.
I have my sharp horns
for fighting.
I have my bony frill
to protect me.





I lower my head.
I bellow loudly.
Ready, set,
here I come!
Perhaps I can stab
Tyrannosaurus
with my sharp horns.



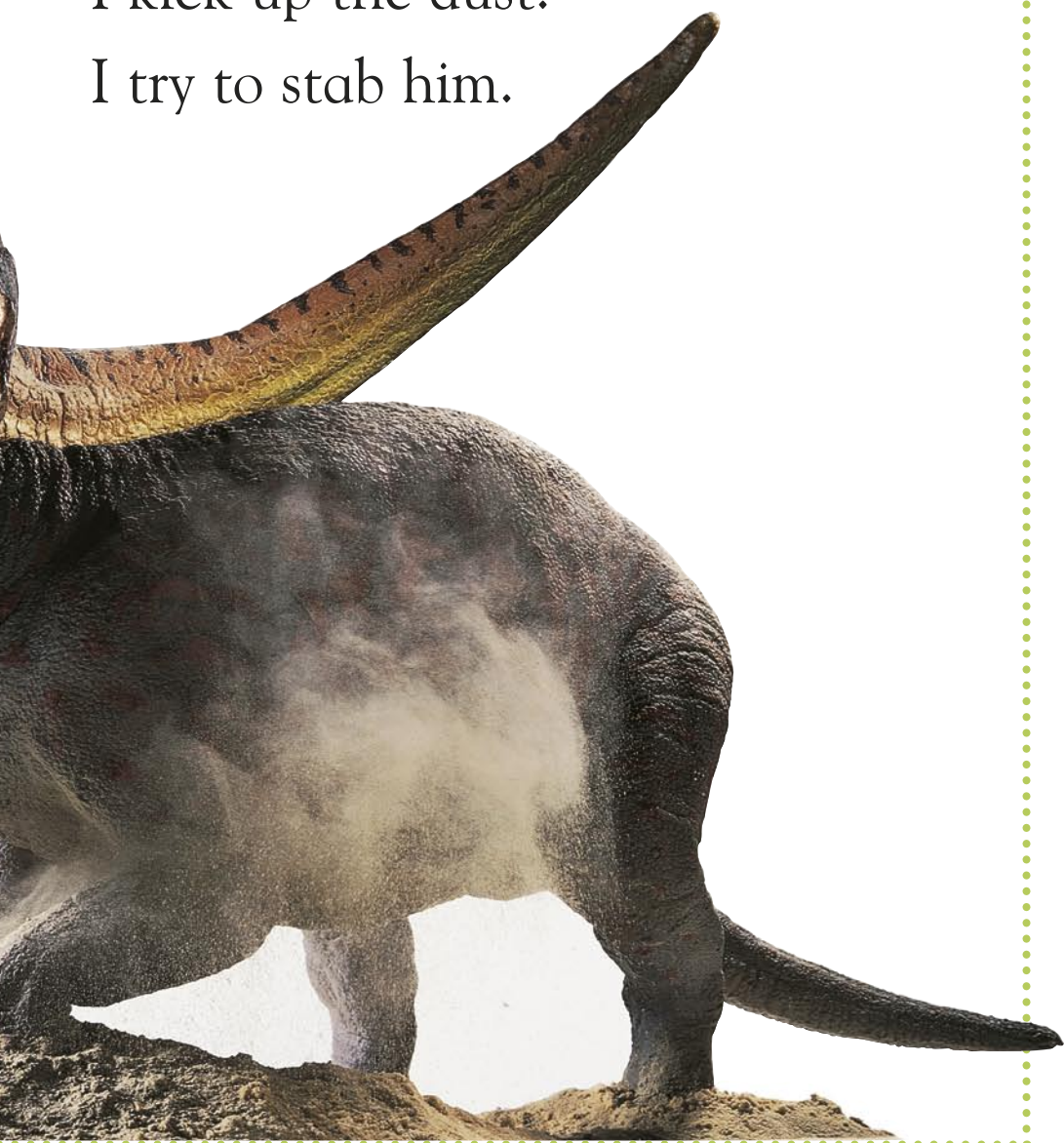


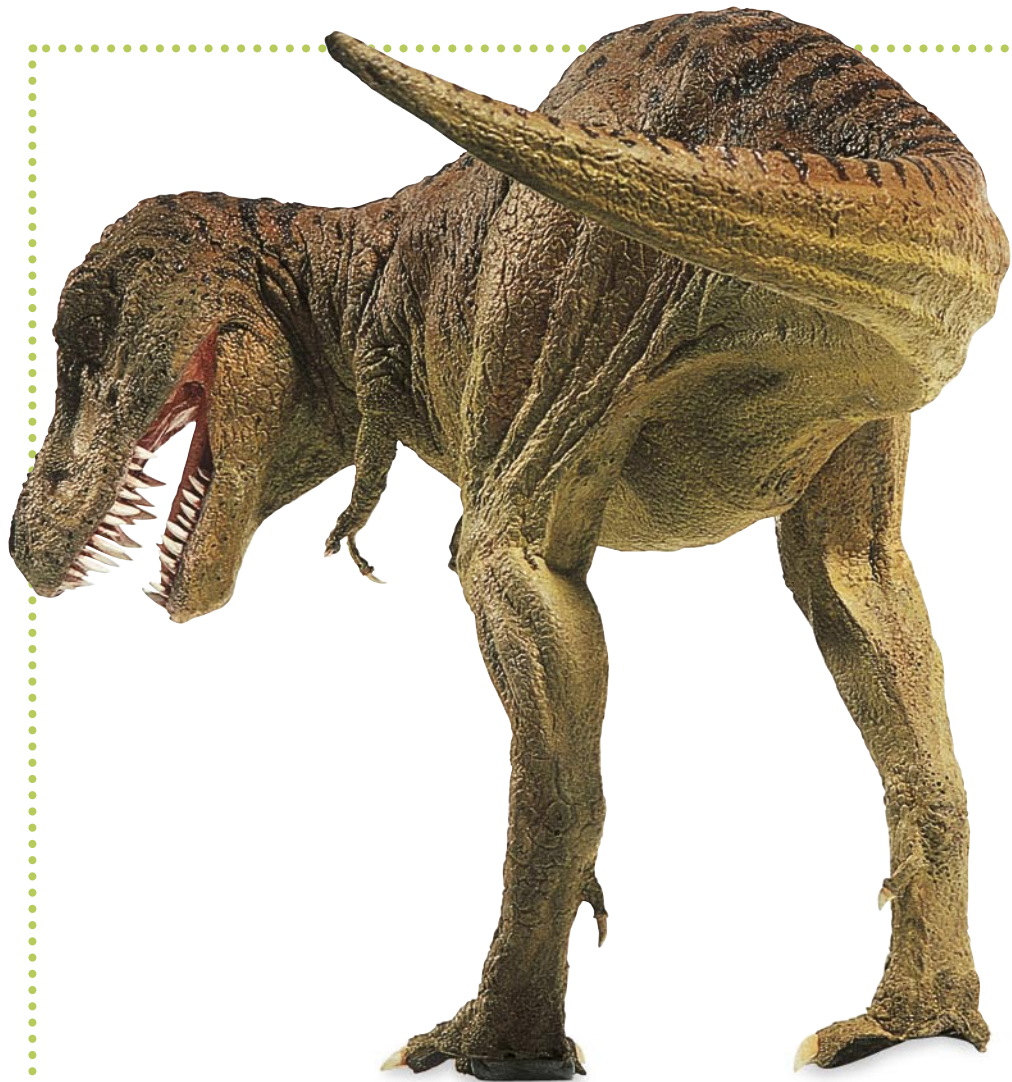
Tyrannosaurus tries to bite me
with his sharp teeth.

I am still not scared.

I kick up the dust.

I try to stab him.



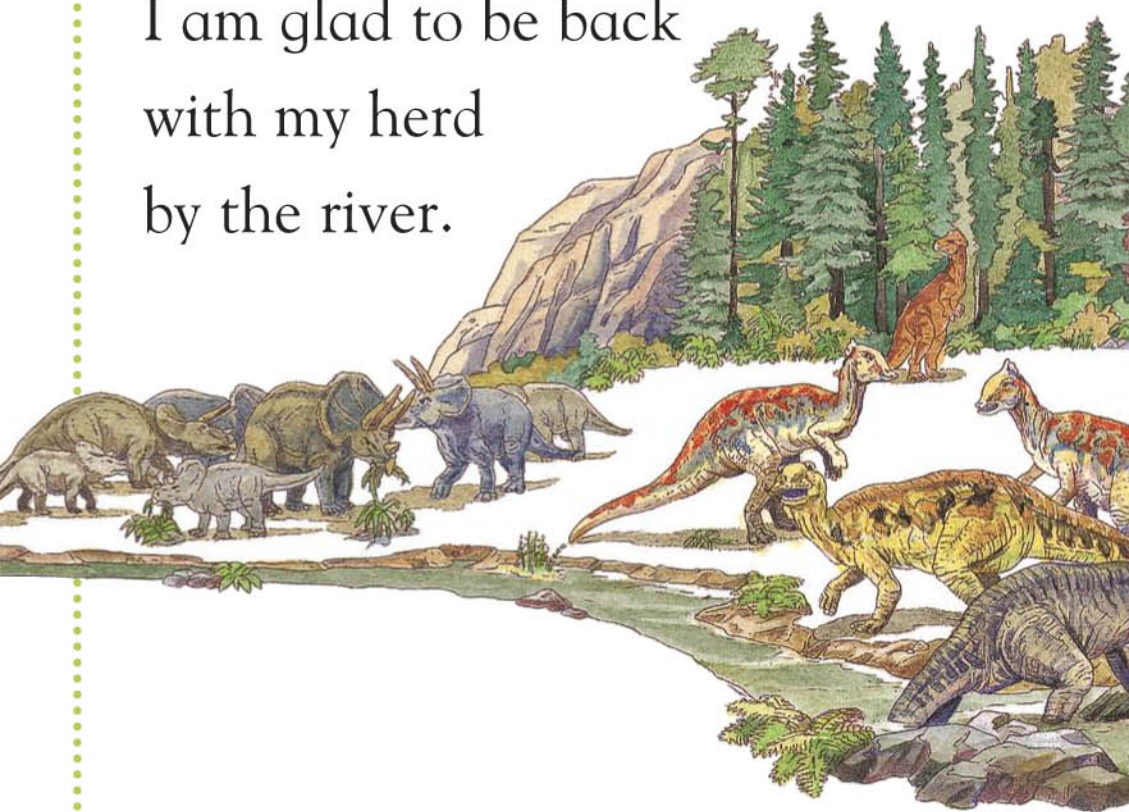


Tyrannosaurus is getting tired.
He stops fighting and turns away.
He goes to look for
a smaller dinosaur
for his dinner.

Now I am safe.
I am going to look for my herd.
I am very hungry
after all that fighting.

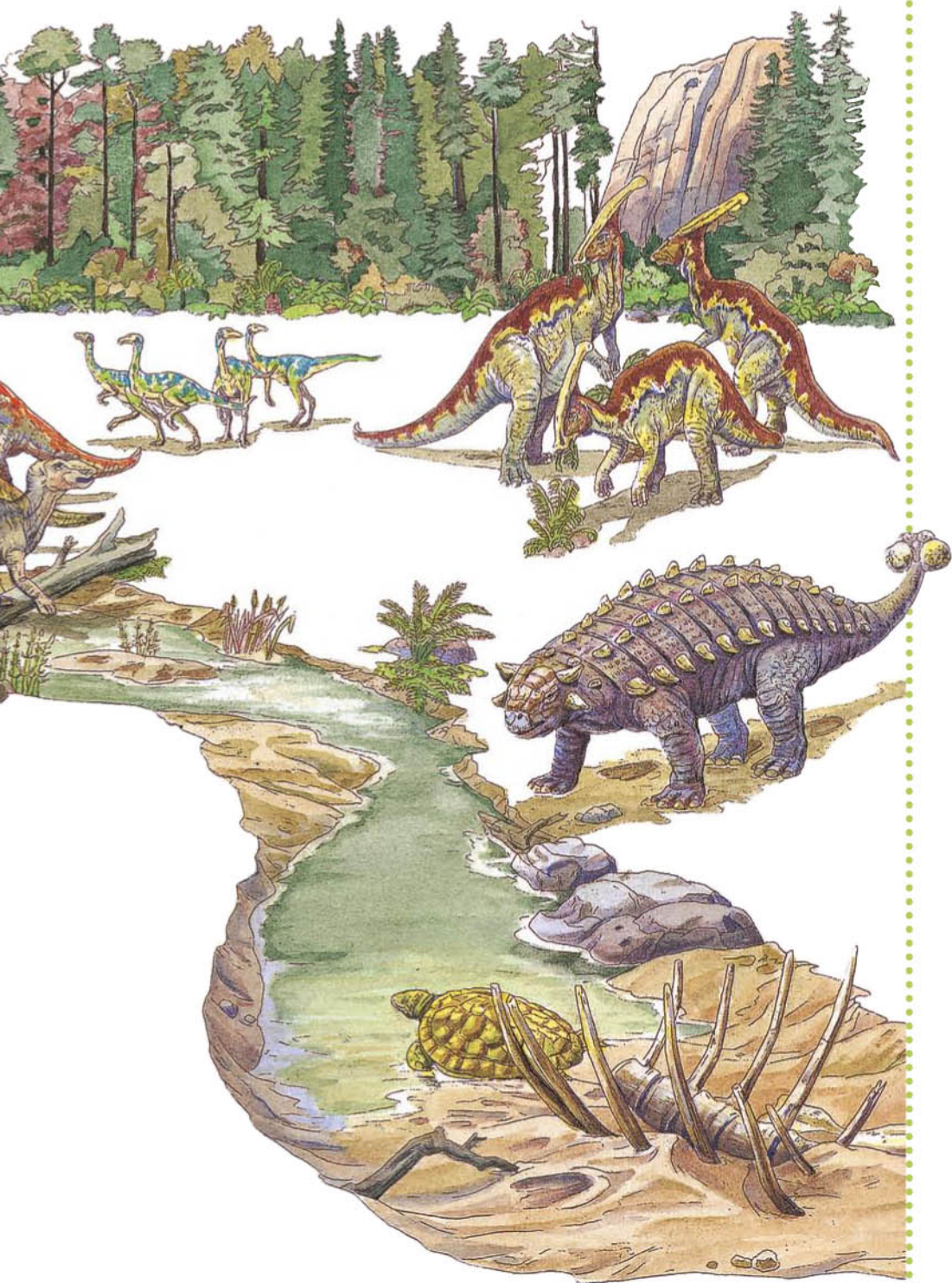


I am glad to be back
with my herd
by the river.

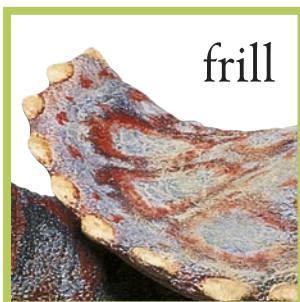


The other dinosaurs
come back to the river as well.
They eat peacefully.

I hope Tyrannosaurus
won't come back again.



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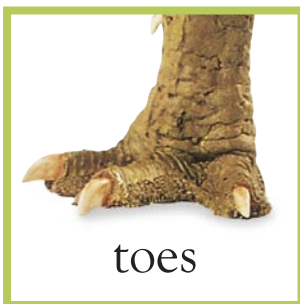
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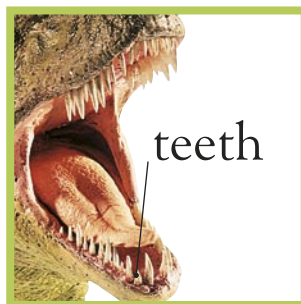
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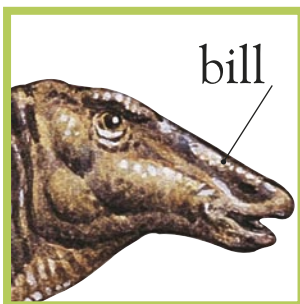
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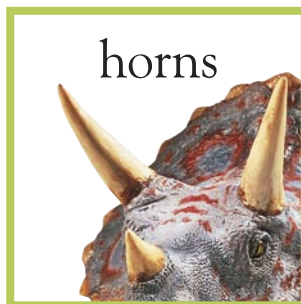
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